

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1973

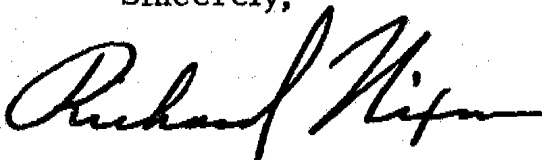
Dear Mr. Karamessines:

It was with sincere regret that I learned of your intention to retire from the Government at the end of the month. You can be justly proud of your distinguished record of service, first as an officer in the OSS during World War II and in the Central Intelligence Agency since its inception.

You have been entrusted with some of our Government's most sensitive tasks during this period and you have handled those assignments in a thoroughly professional manner.

As you leave your post, you carry with you the respect and gratitude of all who have served with you. To their good wishes for the future I am pleased to add mine, along with deep appreciation for your many contributions to this country.

Sincerely,



Mr. Thomas H. Karamessines
Deputy Director for Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

NSS review completed.

ACTION

February 21, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

**SUBJECT: Presidential Letter on the Occasion
of Tom Karamessines' Retirement**

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President recommending that he sign the letter at Tab A to Tom Karamessines. Karamessines is retiring at the end of the month. He will be replaced by Bill Colby.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo at Tab I to the President.

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter on the Occasion
of Tom Karamessines' Retirement

Tom Karamessines, who has been the Deputy Director for Clandestine Services at CIA for some years, will be retiring at the end of the month. Attached for your signature is a letter to him on that occasion. The letter has been cleared by Lee Huebner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

27 February 1973

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I write in gratitude for your thoughtfulness, amidst so many preoccupations, in sending me your letter of February 26 on the occasion of my retirement. It is overly generous and my family and I will treasure it.

It has been truly an honor and a privilege to have served under your command during these historic years. I am at your service if ever there should be a need.

With deep respect,



Thomas H. Karamessines